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Dear Ms. Strauss:

The Nevada State Office of the United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to take this opportunity to address the proposed listing by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the Anaconda Mine Site in Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada (the Site or Anaconda Site) on the National Priorities List (NPL).

As you know, the Site is a "mixed-ownership site," including lands owned by private parties as well as lands owned by the United States and managed by the BLM. The BLM and EPA have worked together successfully to address several Operable Units (OU) at the Site already, with EPA taking the lead, in consultation with the BLM and working with the potentially responsible party to effectuate remediation. We look forward to continuing to collaborate together to complete work at the Site, including work at OU8, where the BLM manages a portion of the affected land.

The State of Nevada also has been actively engaged in response activities at the Site and has issued a conditional concurrence with the NPL listing. Among the conditions the State has set forth are that the State be identified as lead agency for drafting the Proposed Plan and Record of Decision (ROD) for the OU8 portion of the land, that EPA commit to a time frame to move remediation forward, and certain funding expectations.

The BLM agrees with both EPA and the State that the Site requires prompt attention. As the land manager for a portion of OU8, the BLM has a particular interest in seeing that OU appropriately addressed and that the BLM's authority be recognized as the land manager under Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability (CERCLA) as the agencies work together toward our mutual goals. With those interests in mind, effective June 28, 2016, the BLM and EPA executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Site that is intended to coordinate response actions pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and

provides a process for resolving disputes between the agencies that may arise during such response actions. In addition, effective August 31, 2016, the BLM, EPA and the State executed a 3-Party MOU with a similar intention and dispute resolution process.

Based on the successful execution of the MOUs identified above, the BLM concurs with the NPL listing. The BLM looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with EPA and the State of Nevada on this Site. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Thomas, Carson City, District Manager at 775-885-6151.

Sincerely,



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State Director

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